INFORMATION BULLETIN



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: MCI WORLDCOM TYMNET REPLACEMENT—ACTION REQUIRED

The purpose of this information bulletin is to inform all Job Training Automation (JTA) system users that MCI Worldcom is discontinuing its Tymnet service effective March 31, 2002. The Employment Development Department (EDD) has evaluated a number of options to replace this service and has selected Remote Local Area Network Dial-up (RLD) as the most viable option. In order to help us make this service transition as transparent as possible, please review the attachment to this bulletin and provide the requested information no later than January 18, 2001. The EDD plans to transition to RLD by mid-February.

The RLD is considered an interim remote access solution. The EDD's preferred option would be to transition to access through the World Wide Web. However, that approach is not available without completion of an extensive Feasibility Study Report (FSR). That FSR has been initiated and the Department hopes to move in that direction in the future.

The EDD made the recommendation to implement RLD based on the following business requirements:

- 1. Improved access speed,
- 2. Relative low cost,
- 3. Relatively easy implementation, and
- 4. Secure access.

The following alternate technologies were evaluated and rejected for the reasons specified below:

- <u>Virtual Private Network (VPN)</u> The VPN met all of the business requirements of a replacement except for expense and the ease of implementation. The VPN is an expensive technology to implement.
- <u>EDD Remote Access Service (RAS)</u> The RAS was ruled out after being negatively affected by a virus. This left its reliability in question.

Thank you for your assistance with this transition. If you have any questions or comments concerning this bulletin, please contact Michael Ogden, JTA help desk, at mogden@edd.ca.gov or (916) 654-7787. There will be instructions and information related to the implementation of RLD in a future bulletin.

/S/ BILL BURKE Chief

Attachment

Remote LAN Dial-up (RLD) Logon Request Form

Please fax this form to WID at (916) 654-9586:

Attention: Automation Customer Support

NOTE: This form is used to add users to the RLD system. Please fill out this form and fax it to (916) 654-9586. The MIS Administrator <u>must</u> sign the form.

Date of Request:	Subgrantee Code
Requesting Entity :	
Users JTA login:	Users Name
Print Name / Signature of M	S Administrator
Phone #	Fax#
Email Address:	
Any questions, please comogden@edd.ca.gov or (916)	ntact Michael Ogden, JTA help desk, at 654-7787.

RLD Logon Request Form in MS Word